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SUBJ: WATERGATE INVESTIGATION: PROPOSED INTERVIEW OF MEXICAN
NATIONALS

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1. AFTER INITIAL APPROACHES AND SEVERAL FOLLOW-UP CONVERSATIONS
WITH ATTORNEY GENERAL OJEDA AND DIRECTOR GENERAL GALEANO
(JURIDICAL AFFAIRS) IN THE FOREIGN SECRETARIAT, LATTER FINALLY
TELEPHONED CHARGE TODAY TO SAY MEXICAN GOVERNMENT HAD NO OBJECTION
TO INTERVIEW OF MEXICAN NATIONALS BY TWO REPRESENTATIVES WATERGATE
PROSECUTION FORCE ON VOLUNTARY BASIS AS INDICATED BY EMBASSY.

2. TALKING POINTS USED BY CHARGE WERE AS FOLLOWS:

"A) THE WATERGATE SPECIAL PROSECUTION FORCE WOULD LIKE TO SEND
TWO REPRESENTATIVES TO MEXICO TO INTERVIEW SEVERAL MEXICAN
NATIONALS REGARDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS TO THE COMMITTEE TO REELECT
THE PRESIDENT. THE REPRESENTATIVES MIGHT ALSO WISH TO EXAMINE
CERTAIN RECORDS OF TWO COMPANIES.

"B) THESE INTERVIEWS WOULD BE VOLUNTARY AND INFORMAL AND WOULD
BE DESIGNED SOLELY TO ELICIT INFORMATION BEARING ON THE WATERGATE
INVESTIGATION.

"C) WE HOPE THAT THESE INTERVIEWS WOULD NOT CAUSE ANY PROBLEMS
FOR THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT.

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"D) IF ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE FOR THE VISIT THE REPRESENT-
ATIVES WOULD COORDINATE CLOSELY WITH THE EMBASSY AND EMBASSY
OFFICERS WOULD PARTICIPATE IN THE INTERVIEWS."

3. LIKE ATTORNEY GENERAL OJEDA, DIRECTOR GALEANO KNEW OF
OGARRIO'S INVOLVEMENT, WHICH MAY INDICATE OGARRIO HAS BEEN
BUILDING UP HIS DEFENSES.

4. LEGATT PREPARED COOPERATE BUT NOT YET INSTRUCTED BY FBI.

5. EMBASSY NEEDS TO KNOW IN ADVANCE AND IN SOME DETAIL HOW
WATERGATE SPECIAL PROSECUTION FORCE REPRESENTATIVES WOULD LIKE
TO PROCEED SO AS TO PREPARE ASSISTANCE AND AVOID PROBLEMS.
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